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69/145. World Youth Skills Day

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 50/81 of 14 December 1995 and 62/126 of 18 December 2007, in which it adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth, its resolution 65/312 of 26 July 2011, by which it adopted the outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on youth: dialogue and mutual understanding, including the actions recommended therein on youth, and its resolution 68/130 of 18 December 2013 on policies and programmes involving youth,

Recalling also its resolution 54/120 of 17 December 1999, in which it endorsed the recommendation that 12 August be declared International Youth Day, and its resolution 64/134 of 18 December 2009, by which it proclaimed the year commencing on 12 August 2010 the International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding,

Reaffirming its resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, particularly paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, stating that an international day or year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

Expressing concern at the high number of unemployed youth, estimated globally at 74.5 million in 2013, the majority of whom live in developing countries,

Noting that Member States have an important role in meeting the needs and aspirations of youth, particularly in developing countries,

Recognizing that fostering the acquisition of skills by youth would enhance their ability to make informed choices with regard to life and work and empower them to gain access to changing labour markets,

1. *Decides* to designate 15 July as World Youth Skills Day;

2. *Invites* all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including youth-led organizations, to commemorate World Youth Skills Day in an appropriate

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manner, in accordance with national priorities, including through education, campaigns, volunteering and public awareness-raising activities;

3. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met from voluntary contributions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member and observer States and all organizations of the United Nations system.

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